THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was approved from environmental angle in January, 1990 subject to certain conditions. A statement enlisting the conditions is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Statement on the conditions laid for environmental clearance for the 2 X 210 MW Vijayawada Thermal Power Station.

(1) The two units (2 x 210 MW) should be provided with two independent stacks of 220 metre height.

(2) Space for flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) plant shall be provided so that the same could be installed in future, if required, from environmental angle.

(3) On-line stack monitoring equipment should be provided for measuring SO2, NOX and particulates

(4) At least 4 air quality monitoring stations should be maintained within the premises of the power station or in the low wind direction at a suitable place.

(7) Liquid effluents emanating from the different plants of the power stations should be treated to conform to the standards prescribed by A.P. Pollution Control Board.

(6) The temperature of the condenser water at point of confluence in the river should not be more than 50 Cover and above the ambient temperature of river water.

(7) Efforts should be made to conserve the water to the extent possible by way of re-cycling/reuse.

(8) No flyash/bottom ash should be disposed off in the river or forest areas.

(9) Proper ash dykes/ponds should be built and the supernatant effluent should meet the standards prescribed by A.P. Pollution Control Board.

(10) Efforts should be made to utilise the fly ash/bottom ash construction purposes to the extent possible.

Alternative Employment to the Employees of Animal Welfare Board on Shifting the Office

1521. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to shift the head office of the Animal Welfare Board of India from Madras to Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the organisations supported by the Board are situated in the Southern States and the said shifting would affect those organisations;

(c) whether the staff working in Madras would be given alternate employment at Madras itself in the event of shifting of the said office;

(d) whether the Board is going to stop publication of the journal "Animal citizen" if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have asked the staff to seek voluntary retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Government do not propose to shift the office of the Animal Welfare Board of India from Madras to Delhi.

(d) Chairman, Animal Welfare Board has been requested to stop publication of the journal "Animal Citizen" for the present as it is not upto the required standard.

(e) No, Sir.